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We own in this country three million acres, all related to Maud.

The kiwi is a bird without any wings—but he also gets there just the same.

That Pennsylvania cobbler who has inherited \$250,000 doesn't care whether he has a sole or not.

The discovery of a "use" for the vermiform appendix was anticipated some time ago by the surgeons.

A Pennsylvania bride was married with frost-bitten toes. Now she will have to begin married life with cold feet.

People who think that some of our eminent financiers think of nothing but money ought to see them at a dog show.

The discovery that Maj. Gen. Germ commands a division of the Russian army may be suggestive to the bacteriologists.

A hot stove fell into the lap of a woman passenger in an Akron, O., trolley car. That was worse than a fat man.

Miss Mabel Wood Tuttle advises women to use their tongues constantly. Well, the day is only twenty-four hours long.

The chemists have succeeded in producing artificial silk. They are too late. The factories have been turning it out for years.

A New York rooster has just swallowed a \$500 diamond. He can now charge for his voice and go on the grand opera stage.

Since he learned that Carnegie got \$64 for attending the Chadwick case Russell Sage may wish that Cassie had selected his name.

Two Chinese students are to be admitted to West Point. Now we will see how strong is the anti-Chinese sentiment among the cadets.

Young Cornelius Vanderbilt is being mentioned as probable ambassador to Germany. Evidently his wife is not yet through with her mother-in-law.

Mr. Rockefeller is going to put up a \$1,000,000 house. Russell Sage will regard this as a sign that the great oil magnate must be losing his mental vigor.

Some savant has at last managed to figure out that Aphrodite was an old woman. Must have been connected with the Greek corps de ballet in some way.

The Chicago board of education is thinking about establishing a special school for wives of less than 14 years of age. We hope the attendance will not be large.

More than 100 American tourists have barely escaped death in an eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. Same old story, didn't know it was loaded and looked down the crater.

The discussion in the New York Sun of the question: "Do suckers bite?" refers to fish. The green-grocers men, therefore, haven't felt called upon to take a hand in it.

The Californian who threatens to shoot on sight the man who marries his divorced wife has found a way that probably never occurred to the other divorce reformers.

At a time when a leading literary journal can hold a symposium with the hideous title of "The Slump in Poetry" it is not hard to believe that the aforesaid slump exists.

The matrimonial engagement of the German crown prince is furnishing as many good news stories as any other European political movement except the war in which Russia is engaged.

Without wishing to underrate the merits of rhinoceros meat as a table delicacy, we have no hesitation in saying that the hippopotamus looks as if its flesh would be tenderer and juicier.

That week draws nigh, that dreadful week, when feeling spring astr within her blood, the housewife drives up clean and mops and scrubs and changes things around until the house is clean.

A woman has got a verdict of \$2,300 for a kick by a horse. This may seem a good deal to the horse's owner, but comparatively few women would be willing to be kicked by a horse for that.

After having been imprisoned in a summer cellar by a snow drift, without food and water, for twenty-two days, a Pennsylvania cat finally came out apparently none the worse for her experience—but how she mowed for milk!

Archaeologists have unearthed documentary evidence that a certain Egyptian teacher received what amounted to \$23 for twelve months' work in the year 100. So the college professor's salary seems to have evolved somewhat, after all.

An English poultry expert, telling how to get a big harvest of eggs, says: "Plain food, exercise and absence of cooing are the three most important of these exercises." Stop stuffing and petting your fowls, and fit up a gymnasium for them at once.

Dr. Madison C. Peters says that Americans are the most profane people in the world, and perhaps he's right. There are more telephones in the United States than there are in any other country.

An Oberlin doctor says man would live to 150 years old, and in full possession of his mental and physical vigor, if he would observe the laws of health. Think how hard it would be to live with a man who had passed through 150 winters and still retained his memory and powers of speech.

A Berlin physician says no girl under 16 years should practice on the piano, and that no girl over 16 should devote more than two hours a day to such practice. Papers everywhere please copy.

KAISER HURRIEDLY LEAVES MOROCCO CAPITAL

William Bids Hasty Adieu to Morocco After a Brief Stay.

Tangier: Emperor William of Germany paid a flying visit to Tangier Friday, remaining barely two hours on shore. The elaborate program of the visit, which was to include a number of much changed, the emperor confining himself to a visit to the German legation, where he received deputations of Germans in Morocco.

The changed plans caused much comment and disappointment. The emperor had expected to land about 3 o'clock, but he was delayed three hours. Meanwhile, Count von Tattenbach-Askold, formerly German minister to Morocco, returned to the Hamburg before the emperor landed.

It was officially explained that the reason for this procedure was the roughness of the sea; but after the departure of the Hamburg it was said on good authority that Emperor William, having heard that there was a possibility of a Franco-German demonstration on the occasion of his visit, desired to avoid such an incident. Another report, which, however, has not received official confirmation, but is generally accepted, says that the German legation was informed that an anarchist plot had been discovered and had advised that the emperor be dissuaded from landing.

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CORN RATE CASE TO BE HEARD APRIL 20

Interstate Commission Decides to Re-open Armour Car Line Inquiry.

Washington: The Interstate commerce commission Wednesday set April 20 as the date for a hearing on the question of rates on corn and corn products on railroads operating south of the Missouri river to points in Texas, Louisiana and Gulf ports. Complaints were received from millers throughout Kansas and from some of the big milling firms of St. Louis that the railroads were discriminating against corn and corn meal and other corn products, the effect being that corn was shipped back north. The railroads cited to have representatives present at the hearing are as follows: The Santa Fe, Burlington, Frisco, Rock Island, Iron Mountain, Kansas City Southern and Missouri, Kansas and Texas.

The Interstate commerce commission has entered an order reopening the inquiry into the long charges imposed by the Armour car lines under authority of the Michigan Central and Pere Marquette railroad companies on fruit shipped from points in Michigan to interstate destinations, and has set the matter for hearing in Chicago on May 9, 1905. It is the intention of the commission to inquire into the duties and obligations of railway companies and car line companies concerning the refrigeration service and charges therefor, and also to determine the extent of the alleged unreasonable discrimination in the rates of the refrigeration charges.

In the decision heretofore rendered in the case of the refrigerating charges on fruit from Michigan to Boston, Duquesne and Duluth were held unreasonable and unjust, and the railway companies and car lines were allowed time to adjust the charges involved. The commission, not having received any notification of such readjustment, has now ordered a further inquiry.

Causes No Unpleasantness. Washington: Intimations of a movement against President Morales reached the state department several days ago. Officials declared they assist President Morales, if requested by the latter, in putting down any movement which is a menace to its best interests.

Rebels Land. Cape Haytien, Haiti: Advice received here from Santo Domingo announce that Gen. Barba, with a number of Dominican exiles, have landed at Monte Cristi and that the inhabitants have risen against President Morales.

Special Session October 16. Washington: Senators who called on President Roosevelt Thursday to consult with him as to the probable time of the reassembling of Congress were informed that it is likely that a special session will be called for October 16.

Treasury Statement. Washington: Saturday's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption funds: Available cash balance, \$141,821,624; gold, \$71,231,681.

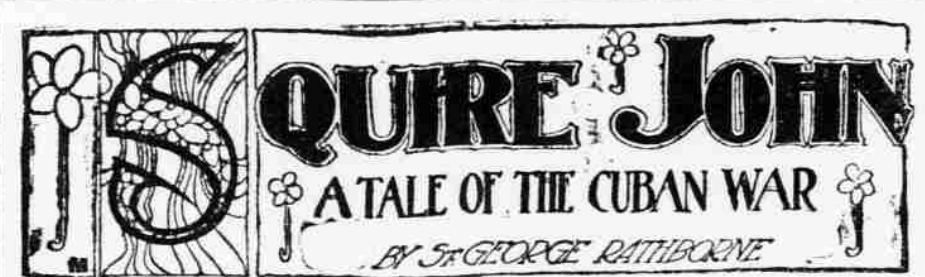
Stewart Quits Washington. Washington: Former Senator Stewart of Nevada, after many years spent here in public life, left Washington Sunday to make his home in Tonopah, Nev.

Library Offered to Drake. Des Moines, Ia.: Officers of Drake University Friday received an offer from Andrew Carnegie of a donation of \$50,000 for the erection of a library. The offer carries the usual provisions that the university must raise a like sum.

Duchess of Abercorn Dead. London: The Dowager Duchess of Abercorn, who was Louisa Jane Russell, daughter of the sixth Duke of Bedford, died Friday of gastritis, at Coates Castle, Surrey.

No Papers With Tobacco. Chicago: The Appellate Court Monday affirmed a ruling of a lower court upholding the validity of an ordinance of the city of Chicago prohibiting the giving away of cigarette papers with tobacco.

Gorky Is Very Ill. St. Petersburg: Maxim Gorky's lung trouble is increasing the anxiety of his friends. The doctors declare that his sufferings from Riga to St. Petersburg are absolutely essential to his recovery.



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CHAPTER XIX—Continued.

Perhaps he has just discovered the threatening danger from fire, or it may be the railway carriage is already ablaze. Jack is convinced that the danger springs from this source, and not on account of their demoralized enemies.

He is loth to leave his present abode; he believes he could remain indefinitely in such close proximity to the divinity in the form of a girl who is moulding his fate with her fair hands as a potter shapes his clay. Duty calls, and he obeys.

Upon passing through the opening which the vigorous onslaught of the agent fashioned, he finds the trio awaiting him.

Outside, the fire rages, and the crackling of a few minutes before is rapidly growing into an increasing roar as the flames leap from tree to tree.

"Rather an uncomfortable situation, I declare," is the way in which he greets them.

"Well, I should say so," emphatically declares Smithers, who has lost his coolness, and dances about like a man on a scorching gridiron.

"Have you made any discovery? Is the carriage on fire?" for he can think of nothing less, to judge from Smithers' actions.

"It is worse," groans the agent.

"How can that be?" asks Travers, mentally deciding that his trusted agent must have his usually steady mind affected in some way by the continuous rain of ill luck that seems to haunt him.

"Because, unless we get out of this spot instantly, we're bound for kingdom come by the shortest route on record," comes the quick, mysterious reply.

"Tell me what you have discovered," is, in his quiet way, which even the presence of the most startling danger does not seem to disturb to any extent.

"It is easily done. The guard has just been telling me to me. You remember several of the compartments of this carriage are locked. I have just learned they contain a ton of ammunition for the use of the Spanish army in the field. If the fire continues, the ammunition will be blown up, and we will never know what struck us, Senator Jack."

CHAPTER XX.

Just So Napoleon Retreated From Moscow.

In his excitement Smithers had mentioned a name upon which his lips are supposed to be sealed; but as Robledo and Spencer have not concluded their argument at the door of the other compartment, it hardly seems possible that any damage can result from such a slip of the tongue.

No man fancied finding himself placed over the magazine of a burning ship, and the startling information that Jack had just received in this manner gives Jack some uneasiness, though it is to his credit that it is of others and not himself he thinks.

"Come," he says, cheerily; "it seems that we've been fired out of the frying-pan into the fire, and our last state is worse than the first. The question is, how can we improve the situation?"

Smithers shakes his head helplessly. For once in his life he is at a loss, since it appears to be a choice between two evils—the raging fire on one hand, and the mob of half-frenzied guerrillas on the other, if they desert the car and try to escape down the track between the flaming jaws.

"Come to the door, and I will show you," declares Travers, promptly.

The other flies there on eager wings. It is not a very pleasant atmosphere upon which they thrust their heads. The heat has become very intense, and Jack, as he places a hand upon the side of the carriage and comprehends what power those roaring pyramids of flame can show, whistles expressively, remembering what he learned in those two small chambers beyond—a free passport to the skies.

"Look," he cries, pointing down the lines of glittering rails; "notice that this wind comes from that quarter. The fire eats in the teeth of it very slowly, if at all. It is in the other direction the greatest danger lies. We are playing a peculiar part, you know. This car is like the huge pendulum of a clock. We have swung to the left and to the right—now we will go forward again."

Smithers grasps his meaning, and mentally swears at his own stupidity in failing to conceive such a simple remedy.

"You have discovered the only possible chance. Good luck to you, sir. The sooner we are on the toboggan the better; and, Ah, Sir, see to it that you have your great legs guard us as we rush between those fiery hands."

Jack does as requested. The strong wind bears to his ears a crash of shots and loud outcries; nor is Travers more backward about guessing their meaning than his companion expected.

"They are advancing this way, and fighting as they come," he declares. "That is true as gospel, sir. The men of Gomez have them on the run. May the god of battles prosper their cause until Spanish rule in Cuba is known no more."

Jack's curiosity is again aroused, and he wonders what strange fortune has welded the career of this Briton with the cause of liberty in the Gem of the Antilles; but certainly there is no time to hear the story now.

Travers is already out of the door and bending low beside one of the front wheels.

Again he matches his superb muscular ability against the grim adversary of cold iron. His former experience has taught him something, and he does not waste any precious time in useless pulling, but works the pin backward and forward with resolute jerks.

As before, he wins—pluck and brain have again triumphed over cold metal.

"They contain a ton of ammunition!" joined across the track below, for should a spark enter one of those compartments, the whole train would be blown up.

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BLIND MAN AS ELECTRICIAN.

He Can Wire a House and Manage a Dynamite—Has Won Prizes.

The idea that blind people are capable only of exercising certain hackneyed professions such as brush, basket and mat-making has been triumphantly refuted by Mr. S. Ferris, a blind electrician in this town.

Mr. Ferris gained the requisite knowledge of the business at the Swindon technical schools, winning several certificates and two first prizes in competition with seeing students.

His principal, Mr. Knowles, had no hesitation in leaving him in full charge of the engine and dynamo.

Mr. Ferris has since carried out several contracts for the installation of electric light to the entire satisfaction of the Swindon corporation engineer and his customers and has recently secured a fresh contract for wiring and fitting ten houses.

The blind electrician justifies the direction and distance of surrounding objects by the echo of his own foot-steps, and is thus enabled to steer clear of obstacles. He never uses a walking-stick.

His method in wood-turning is to hold the machine tool in the right hand only, and allow the fingers of the left to rest on the revolving work, so that he may detect if it is being accurately done. He grinds and shapes all kinds of machinery, and also cutters of all kinds—London Daily Mail.

The strong wind brings to his ears a crash of shots and loud outcries, reappearing a minute later with a relieved air and an empty water vessel.

"The country is saved, sir," is his cheering report, and from this Travers understands that the deluge of water fell upon the light still.

While danger from the blazing woods need not alarm them—for the time being, at least—they dread to think of what might happen should there be a change of wind, and this is apt to occur at any hour.

Jack and Smithers talk it over in the forward compartment, and Senator Robledo joins them.

The Spanish artist does not seem as enthusiastic as before. He asks questions and makes suggestions, but evidently his spirit is tamed. Perhaps the multitude of dangers descending upon them in succession have something to do with this change in his manner.

There is one who thinks differently, and this is the astute Mr. Smithers. When Robledo retires again to the other compartment, to ascertain how the ladies are faring, the agent takes advantage of his flitting to hastily remain in an undisturbed place.

"Well, he's guessed it, Senator Jack. He knows you and the Spaire John again against whom they played their cards in Edinburgh."

"What do you suppose he will do?" "Nothing but the present."

"Quite true; and yet just at present he depends upon you for his very life. When we get back to Havana, if Fortune is so kind as to allow us, then look out to rest it by trying its head to one of the bumps, but the animal hit a large chunk out of his arm, and he desisted. A camel is always chewing something, but never lets you see what it is. It walks as if it were lame on all four legs. You can always see a camel for nothing at a circus. If you want to see the giant you have got to pay. This is because it is harder to raise a giant than it is to raise a camel.—Chicago Tribune.

Benny on the Camel. The camel, a large, homely animal with two big warts on its back. When it has only one it is called a dromedary. A camel can go for days and days without drinking anything, but it wants its vitals regular. It isn't any fun to ride a camel. I've tried it once. It feels as if you were taking a ride on the Rocky mountains. A camel will associate with anybody, but prefers Egyptians. There was a man once who thought it made a camel trip to his head up and down, to rest it by trying its head to one of the bumps, but the animal hit a large chunk out of his arm, and he desisted. A camel is always chewing something, but never lets you see what it is. It walks as if it were lame on all four legs. You can always see a camel for nothing at a circus. If you want to see the giant you have got to pay. This is because it is harder to raise a giant than it is to raise a camel.—Chicago Tribune.

His Unconscious Loyalty. A lawyer making a specialty of divorce cases was recently consulted by a woman desirous of bringing action against her husband for separation. The lady related a harrowing story of her ill treatment at the hands of her better half. Indeed, the lawyer was so impressed by her recital of woes that for a moment he was startled out of his usual professional composure. "Madam!" he exclaimed, "from what you say, I gather that this man is a perfect brute! Whereupon the applicant for divorce rose with dignity and said: 'Sir, I shall consult another lawyer. I came here to get your advice as to a divorce, not to hear my husband abused!'"—Harpers Weekly.

A Reasonable Claim. "Well, dispense with your services, sir," said Mr. Merchant sternly. "I saw you coming out of a saloon to day. I told you I'd discharge you for that, didn't I?"

"Why, no, sir," replied Gailley, "you said you'd discharge me if you saw me going into one. I think I deserve some credit for coming out."—Philadelphia Press.

ers, laboring under unusual excitement. Moving figures are seen, and the light of the still burning trees glints from polished gunbarrels and shining swords.

They are Spanish soldiers who gather there and gaze in wonder at the fiery scene spread before them. Exclamations at sight of the carriage. Senator Robledo is of course wildly delighted at the coming of the military; he springs to the ground and makes all manner of frantic gestures, inviting them to come on, meanwhile dwelling at the top of his voice.

Whether they understand what he means or not, the soldiers spend but a brief time in irresolution. Shots and shouts tell that the enemy presses hot upon their trail, so that every little while it is necessary to turn at bay and beat off the eager rebels.

No Napoleon retreated from Moscow, leaving a trail of blood through all southwestern Russia. Down the slope they come, better-schooled, Jack wonders whether his friend Gen. Toledo is one of the officers in the front.

The cries they now utter are indicative of great joy. At first he is puzzled to account for them, but when he catches the gleam of their eyes, he is able to catch the tenor of these exultant shouts. They have fought under heavy disadvantages, since their weapons are nearly all empty, and the sight of the carriage laden with ammunition causes hilarious confusion.

(To be continued.)

Washington: Gen. Ainsworth, the military secretary, announced Sunday that the last of the captured Union and Confederate flags, which have been in possession of the war department since the civil war, have been shipped to the governors of the states from which the different troops hail, and that the flag question, which has been agitated from time to time ever since the great struggle, is finally settled, so far as the government is concerned.

There were flags for nearly every state in the Union, sent troops to either the Northern or the Southern cause during the war. A number of them went to the states of the middle West, including Missouri, Illinois and Arkansas.

Of the whole number of flags captured and deposited with the department, 236 were United States flags originally captured by the Confederates and recaptured from them, while 544 were Confederate flags taken by the United States troops, making a total of 780 in the custody of the department. Many of the Union flags captured from various regiments were afterwards recaptured when the Confederate forces began to meet the defeat which eventually resulted in the downfall of the Southern cause. Among these Union flags were two from Missouri—Missouri state flag inscribed, "United we stand; divided we fall," and a United States flag, inscribed, "Presented by the citizens of Weston, Mo., to Capt. Dolman's company."

Practical Protectorate in San Domingo. New York: A Santo Domingo cable to the Herald says: A practical protectorate now prevails, despite the United States Senate. The modus vivendi became operative Saturday. The decree was suppressed. There is discontent among the masses, who fear this is a step in the direction of annexation, but the merchants and creditors are satisfied, and the government is confident. The sunboat Presidente is missing. It is reported to be cruising off the landing of arms and ammunition at Mayaguez and on "Turk" island. The consul General Independencia sailed Saturday for Sanchez to intercept Miguelito, with possible recruits for the revolt at Monte Cristi.

Hannibal Carpenters on Strike. Hannibal, Mo.: The boss carpenters refusing to accede to the new scale advancing wages from 31 cents for nine hours, to 35 cents for eight hours, the union carpenters, numbering about fifty, went out on strike Saturday. Most of the contractors have given public notice that they will hereafter conduct open shops.

Icebergs Delay Steamer. New York: The new Anchor Line steamer Caledonia, which arrived Sunday, reports that on March 30 she passed for twelve hours through ice fields extending as far as the eye could reach, near New York, with difficulty the vessel was able to avoid collision with three or four towering bergs.

No Territory, No Indemnity. St. Petersburg: No ceding of territory and no indemnity—these are the negative terms conveyed indirectly by Russia to Japan upon which the czar would be willing to end the war. On no other conditions, it is said on the best of authority, will Emperor Nicholas consent to open negotiations.

Pension Examining Surgeon. Washington: Dr. W. L. Gilmore has been appointed pension examining surgeon at Winona, Minn.

Drowned While Fishing. Mascoutah, Ill.: Frank Neva, aged 20, was accidentally drowned in the Okaw river near New York, Sunday while fishing. The river was dragged in the afternoon, but the body could not be found.

Great Snow in New Mexico. El Paso, Tex.: Fifteen inches of snow fell at Silver City, N. M., and vicinity Saturday. A cold rain fell over this entire region Sunday and was freezing, which will do great injury to the fruit crop.

Lightning Strikes Pyramid. Cairo: The pyramid of Khephren, known as the second pyramid, has been struck by lightning and several blocks of stone have been hurled and dislodged. It is stated that it is the first time any of the pyramids have been struck by lightning.

Gen. Rosser Stricken. Richmond, Va.: A dispatch from Charlottesville, Va., says that Gen. Thomas L. Rosser was stricken with apoplexy Friday and his condition was

Gov. Davis to Present Old Flags. Little Rock, Ark.: Gov. Davis will deliver the returned Confederate battle flags to Arkansas division, U. C. V., at the annual reunion to be held at Louisville, Ky., June 14-16. There are six of them now on exhibition to the governor's office.

Oklahoma Gets \$1,500 Canal Job. Lawton, Okla.: Howard Hopps of Lawton has received an appointment as stenographer and typewriter in the isthmus of Panama service at a salary of \$1,500 per year.

WARSAW TROOPS KILL AND WOUND FORTY-FOUR; FIRE INTO CROWD

Warsaw: A serious conflict occurred at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening in Dzika street, where a Jewish Socialist society, known as the Bund, had organized a demonstration.

Conditions here are causing much uneasiness and nervousness. Hand-printed proclamations have been found in the streets, warning the public against walking near government buildings and other places, as bombs would be thrown in these quarters.

Other disturbances are reported to have occurred. The streets had been patrolled throughout the day, the authorities having anticipated trouble.

The trouble in Dzika street began when, under the pretext of holding a memorial meeting for a late Jewish Socialist leader, a crowd of more than 1,000, mostly Jews, carrying red flags, marched into Dzika street, and was met by a mixed police and military patrol of twenty men. The police declared the socialists first revolvers, and the leaders incited the mob to attack the patrol, which thereupon fired several volleys into the crowd.

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